GREETING THE PRESIDENT.

A BRILLIANT SCENE IN THE BLUE BOOM DESPITE THE WEATHER.

Mr. Blaine Attracts a Large Share of the Attention of Visitors-Mr. Logan in a Jay-ful Mood-Other Washington Receptions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- Bad weather and the absence from the city of nearly all the members of Congress combined to make the New Year's reception at the White House something of a disappointment. Last year the sud-den death of the dean of the diplomatic corps it an end to the reception almost as soon as it began. There were no accidents or mishans today. The President, dressed in a morning suit of dark blue, stood in the blue room with Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Gresham and Mrs. Craig Wadsworth. Mrs. Blaine was also there, but she did not receive with the others. The elaborate and artistic decorations of the different rooms were shown to best advantage by the blazing light of a hundred gas jets. The diplomatic corps were received at 11, and nearly every representative of a foreign court in the city was present in full uniform. Next came the Justices of the Supreme Court; then the Cabinet, with the exseption of Brewster, and then the members of Congress, of whom hardly a dozen were in the city. But the vivacity and cheer of Logan seemed partially to stone for the absence of so many. At 1 o'clock the public was received, and whereas heretofore there has been a dense line reaching far out into the atreet, to-day comparatively few came. This was due to the

pouring rain. Mr. Blaine came early and stayed with the President throughout the entire reception. and the President spent the evening at Blaine's house. Blaine, while he did not receive with the President, stood just behind him, sur-

the President, stood just behind him, surrounded by richly dressed ladies, and he could not have been uncenseious of the fact that he was the object of as much attention as the President himself. Blaine seemed particularly happy, and when, at the end of the reception, he went out into the east parlor and was at once surrounded by an admiring throng that amost hung upon his lips, he had a tribute to his popularity, or prominence, that was the subject of no little comment.

But it was Logan who seemed specially joyous. Fautlessly clad, with a diamond sparking in his linen, and trooping at the head of a dezen or more fair women and pretty maids. Logan seemed suddenly to comprehend that there were other joys than those of polities. He stood for a long time gazing at the new portrait of Arthur, and at length, realizing that a hundred or more pairs of eyes were resting on him, and none on the portrait, he sailed away toward the conservatory, inspiring his gay company with the highest glee.

Many were the glances exchanged when the President, Logan, and Blaine met. The jest that passed between them, probably some trille, was lost, but it seemed to add to the good humor of each. inspiring his gay company with the

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The state breakfast given by Secretary Frelinghuysen to the members of the diplomatic corps and their wives was served, according to custom, prompily at 12 o'clock. The general reception at the house of the Secretary of State, which always follows the state breakfast, began at 18 o'clock. The number of callers was unusually large.

There were also the usual receptions at the houses of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of of the Interior, he Attorney-General, and the Postmaster-General. Mrs. Carlisle, the wife of the Speaker, had a reception at the Riggs House soon after she returned from the White House. Mrs. Randolph Tucker, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Saffel, Mrs. Sevier, Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. Burchard, Mrs. Goodloe, Miss Beck, daughter of Senator Beck, and the wife and daughter of Gov. Browne of Tennessee assisted her. Tennessee assisted her.

A large number of other well-known ladies in the city, including Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Sheridan, and Mrs. Porter, also had receptions.

THE DAY IN NEW YORK.

Patti Goos Calling, and a New and an Old Register Shake Hands.

When masculine New York started out early yesterday morning to wish many happy returns of the day to feminine New York, he found the weather behaving in the shabby manner usual to the first of the year. The streets were full of mud and fog and drizzle and general disagreeableness. The callers put on their best clothes, however, and, fortified with umbrellas, sallied forth smilingly into the muggy air. The ladies waited. The callers called everywhere, up town, down town, and across town. Some even went over to Williamsburgh. A great many also called between calls.

Madison and Fifth avenues received, and so did the east and west sides. Signor Nicolini went calling with Mme. Pattl. Favorite actors. railroad kings, and politicians also made calls. In the German colony on the east side callers called in groups. They were nesegays in their buttonholes. The hostesses lighted up Christmas trees anew with colored tapers, loaded them with candies, and decked sideboards with abrindant good cheer for their guests. The genial customs of the day were observed in these localities with more enthusiasm than in any other quarter. Good order was quite as noticeable as heartiness of spirit, however. In other well-to-do neighborhoods pretty young women received in groups. In some homes as many as a dozen assisted in entertaining visitors. In the wealthy quarters of Murray Hill and Madison and Fifth avenues decanters were less noticeable than in former years. The hostess served coffee and chocolate in rare China cups. Dainty baskets, with satin lining, hung from the silvered bell knobs of some of the handsomest mansions, and filled up quickly with cards.

It is estimated that only one man in every hundred regarded the town clocks last evening as wobbling moons or dropped his visiting cards into the letter box. Printed tags, with instructions as follows, which were peddied extensively on Monday, were found on a few: buttonholes. The hostesses lighted up Christ-

Wish you a Happy New Year (Hict). When I am full Send me home.

Those tags," said a big policeman in Fifth enue, "is copyroighted, and an excaydingly "Those tags," and a big policeman in Fifth avenue, "is copyroughted, and an excaydingly dayeint thing."

John Reilly, the new Register, and Augustus T. Docherty, the ourgoing Register exchanged the compliments of the season at 9 A. M., and then visited together all the rooms in the Hall of Records. Mr. Docherty explained to his successor the methods used in the office, and presented him to the clerks. Then the office was transferred to Register Reilly. The occupants of the more responsible places in the office will be retained. Most of the new appointments will be to recording clerkships.

The card writers at all the hotels were busy as sees.

as bees.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society, represented by Messrs. Hanlon and Keating and Miss Murphy, supplied the prisoners of the penitentiary on Blackweil's Island with tobacco.

WHO SHALL BE PRESIDENTS

Tammany Wants Both the Chief Office and

the Clerkship of the Common Council. The Democratic members of the Board of Aldermen who will go into office on Monday next will hold a caucus to-day. Seven are Tam many and seven are County Democrats. Alderman Thomas Shells is an Independent Demoerat. Alderman William P. Kirk is Tammany's candidate for President of the Board, and the County Democracy's choice is Alderman John O'Neil. The Tammany Aldermen demand the Presidency and insist that Capt. Francis J. Twomey, the Clerk of the Board, shall be reslected. The County Democrats are willing to concede the Fresidency it they can name the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The President is a member of the Board of Apportionment, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee is one of the Sinking Fund Commission. The Tammany Aldermen intimate that Mr. Kirk may be made President by the aid of the Republican Aldermen if there should be no union of the Democrats as that there will be a union, because the Mayor wishes the Democrats to organize the Board. The Republican Aldermen have some hope of securing the Presidency through Democratic dissensions. Their candidate is Alderman John C. O'Connor, Ir. County Democracy's choice is Alderman John

August Deltr's Alleged Murderers on Trial The trial of Lawrence May and George Layton, who are jointly indicted for the murder of August Deitz, a blackmith, in Rahway, on the night of Aug. 11, will begin today in Elizabeth. Attorney-teneral Stock-tos will assist the Prosecuting Attorney.

BOSTON'S NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM. dmitted by French Engineers to be More

Perfect Than That of Paris. Bosron, Jan. 1.-Boston has put into peration the improved sewerage system. which has been some years in preparation, and which will take rank as one of the greatest engineering feats of the age. The sewerage system of Paris has generally been supposed to be the most perfect in existence, but it is now admitted, even by French engineers, that the Boston enterprise must take the first rank.

The project was conceived several years ago by Mr. Joseph P. Davis, the then City Engineer. The primary object of the plan, in brief was to intercept the sewage of the city as it flows in the existing sewers and convey it to a point where it may be discharged with safety to the public health, and with the least injury to other interests. The intercepting sewers follow the marginal streets of the city as far as practicable, that the sewage may be intercepted near the outlets of the existing sewers. The main sewer carries the waste of the city first to Old Harbor Point, where it arrives forty-three feet below high tide level. Four great engines, each with a capacity to raise 25,000,000 gallons forty-three feet in twenty-four hours, lift the sewage into the discharging sewer. The great flood is strained through filth cages, and flows for two and six-tenth miles into reservoirs at Moon Island. This discharging sewer is divided into three sections, known respectively as the tank or deposit sewer, the tunnel under Dorchester Bay, and the large sewer from Squantum Neck to Moon Island. The deposit sewer is about 1,200 feet long, and is carried upon an embankment extending into the bay to the west shaft of the tunnel. Its elevation is such that sewige will flow from it to the reservoir by gravitation. The tunnel, with its west shaft, forms an inverted siphon, passing under the navigable waters of Dorchester Bay. Its horizontal length is about 6,970 feet, and the average depth of the shafts below mean high tide is 45 feet to the bottom of the tunnel. The siphon has first a vertical descent of about 150 feet, next a nearly horizontal stretch of about 6,070 feet, and lastly, a rising incline of one foot vertical to every six feet horizontal.

At Moon Island, where the sewage is discharged into deep water, there is a large reservoir covering several acres. It has four apartments, and will hold nearly 25,000,000 gallons. Its design is such that it can be conveniently enlarged at any time to double this capacity, to meet the needs of the city's increased growth.

The London reservoirs are covered with brick arches and earth, but it is hoped and expected that it will not be found necessary to cover this one. As a precaution, however, foundations for columns have been built, that a wooden covering may be put on if experience should prove that one is needed. A large number of gates are provided f marginal streets of the city as far as practicable. that the sewage may be intercepted near the

HAPPP NEW YEAR RUBBED IN.

Three Little Sorrow-Laden Walfs Greet Youth in Park How.

Three little waifs—outcasts in a great city -huddled together over an iron grating on Park row early on New Year's morning, and talked softly as the steam filtered through the grating from the cellar and imparted to them a degree of humid warmth. They were sickly-looking children. The oldest, a boy of perhaps 7 years, wore his eyes at right angles to each other, had a broken nose, red hair, and well developed ears. His attire was of the conventional Fourth ward fashion-clipped paternal trousers, calico shirt, bare feet, and the crown of an old hat. The other two little ones were characterized by dirt and sorrow.

"Dere comes a gillie," said the oldest boy,

glowering savagely at a youth who was picking his way daintily across the street. "Le's pulverize the darlin', will yez?"

The others sprang from the grating as though it had suddenly become red hot, ran to the gut-ter, and seized handfuls of New York's peculiar ter, and seized handfuls of New York's peculiar combination of snow and mud, and scrambled back to the grating again. The youth, who was elaborately dressed and very gentle looking, stamped his feet carefully when he came to the sidewalk, and, with a shudder at the appearance; of his boots, passed on toward the bridge. A moment inter a huge chunk of snow and mud hit the back of his hat and sent it spinning over the sidewalk. He turned with a flushed face and tightly grasped stick, but saw no one but the three homeless walks clustered in pitiful symbatly on the grating. He looked everywhere. His head wagged and his lips moved ranidly, but he could not fix his suspicions. He stooped down to pick up his hat. A fusiliade of mud and snow struck him, and he wheeled about again. The peanut venders grinned and the horse-ears drivers jeered, but the boys still looked sorrowful and chilled. The unfortunate caller straightened himself up and proceeded on his way with many backward glances and an expression that meant death to his tormentors.

He arrived at Franklin's statue woebegone He arrived at Franklin's statue weebegone and bedraggled, and was hurrying on when another missile—this time from the west—struck the side of his head and obliterated the youthful bloom of his cheek. He whited around. The three boys had gone from the grating, and heglanceed un and down the street. On the platform of a bobtail car which was going up town at a high rate of speed were clustered the waifs, but their erstwhile sorrowful faces were lighted by joyous smiles, and they raised their voices as the bobtail swung into Centre street and shouted the glad tidings of a Happy New Year.

NEW YORK WHIPS NEWARK.

A Cocking Main Pought Near Jersey City Testerday Morning.

Twenty sporting men made their way early yesterday morning over to Jersey City, and skirting the Plank road reached a pit which had been made in a private stable. The fight was between New York and Newark cocks, each side to show twelve birds and fight all that weighed out between 4 pounds and 6 pounds. \$50 for each battle. Six pairs were pitted.

First Barriz.—New York showed a brass back and Newark a white pyle, each weighing 5 pounds Jounces. In one of the buckies the brass back had his throat cut, and was nearly counted out several times. Betting was fifst to \$5 on the Newark heigh, but, much to the surprise of \$6.00 better was bridged when Time, \$5 minutes. Second Barriz.—New serk bird won. Time, \$5 minutes. At the first hickle the spanigle was crippled, and the Newark bird had it all his own way, and second minished his adversary with a brain blow. Time, \$12 minutes 35 seconds.

Third Barriz.—The betting now was lively at evens. The Jersey champion was a brown red, weighing 5 pounds 9 ounces. These birds pounds \$6 ounces, and New York's fighter was also a brown red, weighing 5 pounds 0 ounces. These birds fought until they blinded each other. At the end of So minutes the New Yorker succeeded in branning his adversary starts.—Newark showed a dominic on the second of the Sounces and the New Yorker succeeded in branning his adversary starts.—Newark showed a dominic of the second of the se

versary. According to the second of the dark who versary and he was a country by a country and he was a country by a country and he was a country by a country and he was a country at the New Yorker that the latter was counted out after fighting 25 minutes.

minutes. Sixth and Last Barrix.—Both sides showed brass hacks weighing 5 pounds, 1 ounce each. After some lively sparing, the Jersey cock; wing was broken, and soon he suffered the loss of an eye but he proved a clever and game fighter, rushing in and sending the New Yorker heavily to the floor in retaliation. After an hours hard fighting the News Yorker between the New Yorkers were declared the winners of the main by 4 to 2.

A main will shortly be arranged by the same parties for \$100 a battle and \$1,000 on the main.

NOT MUCH OF A FINISH.

A Fight Begun with Police Interference and Ended by the Referee's.

About 250 men paid \$2 apiece at McQuade's rackst court yesterday to see a glove fight to the finish for a purse of \$500, between Al Powers of Brooklyn, who stands 5 feet 9 inches and weighs 130 pounds, and Thou Henry of Manchester, 5 feet 0); inches tall, and weighing 138 pounds. The police entered the place, and announced that they would arrest everybody concerned if the fight went on. They were assured that no slugging the fight went on. They were assured that no slugging would be permitted, that gloves were to be used, and that accinific points were to be counted, and they retired. The pugilists then put on the gloves which were used by Mitchell and Sheriff in their Flushing encounter. In the first round Henry led off on Fower's nose making him dizzy for a few seconds. Powers railled and rushed his antagonist all over the floor. Henry got in left and right banders very cleverly on Powers head and ledy. Powers forced the fighting in the second round, but Henry was too scientific for him and put in hard blows with telling effect until time was called. In the third round lieury again did all the leading and struck Fowers a heavy blow on the nose which drew blood. After some sharp in-fighting, in which Henry had the best of it, time was called. Henry came up amiling for the last round, and Powers seemed to be a little dazed. They were doing some sharp in-fighting, when the referes stopped the fight, dsclaring it a drawn battle, amid a chorus of hisses.

COLLAPSE OF A RAILROAD.

THE NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND ROAD IN A RECEIVER'S HANDS,

Unable to Meet its Fixed Charges-Vander bilt and Gould Refuse Aid-Creditors who Will Apply for a Reversal of the Decree,

BOSTON, Jan. 1.-At 21 o'clock this morning the Boston newspapers received notice by telephone that two hours earlier the New York and New England Railroad Company had been placed in the hands of a receiver. It was noon to-day before an explanation could be obtained of the sudden suspension of a corpora-tion representing about \$36,000,000 capital.

Yesterday afternoon the directors of the com-pany received a sudden summons to a special meeting to be held at Hartford at 8 in the evening. Only seven of the nineteen members of the Board, a bare quorum, were able to respond. They held an anxious consultation over a financial crisis, which was explained by President Clark. A revolution was effected at the recent meeting, but it was too late to tide over the crisis which has taken the rond out of the control of the stockholders. Within a year and a half a floating debt of \$1,000,000 has been incurred, and during the year ending Sept. 30 the net earnings falled to cover the fixed charges of \$1,100,000 by about \$600,000. During the same time the price of the road's stock has declined in the market from about

The capital stock is \$20,000,000. The bonded indebtedness is \$10,000,000 on first mortgage and \$5,800,000 on second mortgage and other liabilities. Every effort was made by the new Board of Directors to raise money to take care of the January interest of \$330,000 and the floating debt, which was being pressed for pay-The security holders refused to respond. Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, who owns 14,000 shares, would not subscribe a dollar. Jay

Gould made the same response, and resigned from the directory. One or two unsecured from the directory. One or two unsecured from the directory. This called last night's unerting of the directors. By private stipulation a month ago, he accepted the Presidency of the road on condition that he should become the receiver if it were necessary to resort to that extremity. He accordingly advocated immediate application to a United States Judge to take judicial possession of the property. Directors French of Boston and Mistcalf of Providence earnestly opposed the motion of the property of the motion and Mistcalf of Providence earnestly opposed the motion of the property of the motion and mistcalf of the demanded delay, that the intimated that there was some sinual motion of the property of the movement of the motion was not sent in the other side refused to listen to any talk of delay, but asserted that the only efficacy of the movement was in prompt action.

The bill is all ready, and Judge Shipman is waiting for us, they said. Shortly after midnight the motion was passed, who to two and a strength of the entire road.

The petition was made in the name of Henry A. Brassey of England, a member of Pariament, who holds \$5,000 in second mortgage bonds. It was fortunate that the news was received on a holiday, for the unexpected announcement would have demoralized the Boston stock market. There soon developed a loud, protest from Boston security holders down the security has a security holders down the security has a security holders down the security has a secur

for 70 per cent, thus providing for the fixed charges.

Mr. Clark asserted that if there had been a full meeting of the Board of Directors the decision would have been overwhelmingly in favor of the receivership.

There were some sales on the street of New York and New England stock at 14 to-day, and later 12 was bid, against 18 yesterday. The first mortgage sixes were quoted at 85, against 92 yesterday. The January coupons were all cashed at the Bank of Commerce as though the road had not defaulted, but they were purchased by private parties as a speculation.

THE NEW IRON AND COAL COUNTRY. Two Important Sales of Land in Alabama Rich Veins Opened.

TUSCALOOSA, Dec. 28 .- Two of the most important land sales in the history of the Southwest will occur in this State within the next two months—the first at Montgomery, beginning on the 31st of January, and the other at Huntsville, on the 14th of February. Under the provisions of the act of Congress of March 3, 1883, known as the Morgan Land bill, all of the public lands in Alabama that were reported to the General Land Office prior to the passage of the act as containing coal or iron will be offered for sale at the times and places mentioned. Each of the sales may be continued for two weeks, and at the end of that time all the lands that have been offered and remain unsold will be open to private entry on the same terms as sgricultural lands. The bulk of the lands to be offered lies in the famous Warrior coal field, and embraces thousands of acres of the richest coal lands in the State of Alabama.

During the past six menths various companies of capitalists have had experienced coal men in the field examining these lands and locating the richest veius of coal. This work has been done quietly, but thoroughly and when the sales open these capitalists will know where to put their money. There is here a fine field for speculation, and it is safe to predict that many large fortunes will be realized by judicious investments in these rich mineral lands which the Government now offers for sale. bill, all of the public lands in Alabama that

Skilful Pool Playing.

Experts at pool met in force to watch the progress of the preliminary tournament in Madison Square Hall yesterday. Wharton of the Williamsburgh Athletic Club and Malone, formerly of Chicago, did some very neat and shifful work. Malone will doubtless prove a strong and dark horse in the main tourney. Van Ruskirk improved in his play; Johnson put saide his colitals antice, winding for the first time by the close score of 11 to 10 against Zimmerman. Van Huskirk defeated Hamilton, 11 to 5, and Wharton beat Dunning 11 to 3. Malone met the Cheinnath kid in the last game of the series without giving the kid a chance for a shot. The contest was almost a walk over for Malone. The order of play the afternoon is Hamilton against Leonard and Wharton against Heman. In the evaning Manning will meet Zimmerman and Malone will olay Dunning.

THE THREATENING WAR IN BATES. Will the Western Roads Relp Mr. Fint Discipline Lackawana !

The managers of the trunk line railroads are awaiting with great interest the answer that the roads connecting with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western will make to Commissioner Fink's order directing them to refuse the Lackawanna facilities for through freight shipments. The object of this long-threatened order is to deter the Lackawanna from cutting rates by making it pay the roads that take its west-bound business at Buffalo full local rates between that point and the points of destination. In his order Commissioner Fink requested the companies doing business with the Lackawanna to reply by Thursday whether or not they would comply

business with the Lackawanna to reply by Thursday whether or not they would comply with it. If all the roads do not agree to take the step required of them, a meeting of the Joint Executive Committee will be called to determine whether a wholesale reduction of schedule rates to the lowest cut rates shall not be made. The Standing Committee has threatened such a step for a long time, but without any effect on the many culprits. That it has been most reluctant to execute its threat indicates very plainly that the committee knows that such action means war.

Commissioner Fink also apparently appreciates the seriousness of the situation, for he has declined to exercise the authority recently invested in him to lower the rates to the lowest cut rate he knew of. Since he was empowered to do so the representative of one of the trunk lines has asked him why he did not enforce the order. He replied that he would do so if his questioner would make a formal complaint which the latter declined to do. This incident and the circumstances mentioned show clearly that neither the Executive Committee nor Mr. Fink wants to assume the responsibility of a large reduction of schedule rates.

Assistant Commissioner Pierson has directed that the sale of the tickets of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy road be resumed in all trunk line offices. The St. Paul tickets have also been restored, so that the only ones now "turned to the wall" are those of the Chicago and Rock Island and the Chicago and Rock Island and the Chicago and Rock Island and the Chicago and the general passenger agents of the Western and Northwestern and Missouri River points via Chicago and St. Louis should be equalized. The companies did not agree not to pay any commissions to sellers of their tickets, but are to agree upon a maximum rate of commission. It is alliquout to see how this action improves the situation unless all start out by paying the maximum rate.

DISCUSSING THE O. T. REPORT.

An Impression Gaining that Mr. Villard Himself has Suffered Heavily.

Wall street men, at the Windsor Hotel and their other up-town resorts, discussed yesterday the report of the investigating committee upon the financial condition of the Oregon and Transcontinental Company. The report was variously analyzed as showing that the stock of the company was worth from 50 to pext to nothing. The former estimate was obtained by computing all of the securities listed on the Stock Exchange at the closing quotations of Monday, the unlisted securities at a nominal low figure, and the other assets at the values given in the report. On the other hand, atten-tion was called to what were characterized as important emissions in the statement, and the lack of definite and detailed information. Among other things, it was said that the enp-ital stock and bonded debt of the company the lack of definite and detailed information, Among other things, it was said that the capital stock and bouded debt of the company should have been classed among its liabilities. The bonded debt, which consists of collateral trust bonds, is secured by the deposit in trust of bonds as branch roads of the Northern Pacific, which the company has received for building the same. The value of these branch line bonds is practically unknown to the public. They have never been quoted, and the question is raised whether they are sufficient to meet the interest, to say nothing of the principal of the bonds against which they are held. None of the branch roads unon which they have been issued is completed, and work has been suspended upon nearly all of them. In these circumstances it is considered possible that a part of the reported assets of the O. T. Company may have to be used to protect its collateral trust bonds.

Another liability of the company that does not appear in the report is its guarantee of the interest upon \$7.490.000 bonds of the uncompleted Oregon and California Railroad Company and of 2's per cent, dividend yearly upon its \$12,000.000 capital stock for three years from Jan. 1, 1883. It is argued that these facts and the doubtful earning power of the securities held by the O. T. Company ought to be taken into consideration in forming a fair estimate of the value of the stock of the company. The report that Mr. Villard has assigned to the O. T. Company all of his property, and that its wife has made the same disposition of her property, cannot be confirmed. The impression is gaining ground that Mr. Villard has suffered as much as his associates and following if not more by the collars of the array.

sion is gaining ground that Mr. Villard has suffered as much as his associates and following, if not more, by the collapse of the enterprises of which he was the head. Persons who profess knowledge of the facts say that he retires from the companies with which he has been identified much poorer than when he went into them.

Mr. Villard's condition of health was unchanged yesterday, and he was able to receive a few intimate friends.

THE NEW JERSEY SPEAKERSHIP.

Three Candidates New in the Field-The Fight for the Clerkship. TRENTON, Jan. 1 .- The politicians of New fersey are displaying unusual interest in the organization of the Legislature, which will assemble on Jan. 8. Among the prominent candidates for the Speakership are A. B. Storey of Monmouth. Thomas Flynn of Passaic and E. O. Chapman of Hudson. They are all old members. Flynn bolted the caucus last year and refused to vote for Senator McPherson. He will not capture the

caucus inst year and reliased to too for solution tor McPherson. He will not capture the Speakership if the Senator can prevent it. He is being governed by Mr. Clark of Hudson, who, for a time, stood by him last winter in refusing to vote for McPherson.

Mr. Chapman is a hard worker. He labors under the disadvantage, however, of not being able to control the Democratic members from his own county. He is also opposed by a number of prominent politicians in Hudson, who have themselves candidates for minor offices, and who know that, as Hudson cannot have everything, their chances would be injured by his election. Mr. Chapman has been identified with the radical wing of the anti-monopoly movement, and whatever railroad influence is exerted may be counted as hostile to him.

Mr. Stoner is credited with having the support of a strong combination. It is said he is the choice of Governor-elect Arbett and of Senator McPherson, and that as there is no issue between his constituency in Monmouth and the railroad corporations the latter would prefer him to any of the other conspicuous candidates.

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and the railroad corporations the latter would prefer him to any of the other conspicuous candidates.

Ex-Judge William Rankin of Hudson, ex-Speaker John Dunn of Union, and Arthur Wilson of Monmouth, are candidates for the Clerkship. Wilson has already heid the office for two terms, and an effort will probably be made to kill him off by passing an anti-third term resolution in caucus. The election of Storey to the Speakership would destroy the chances of any Monmouth man for the Clerkship. Rankin has never held office in the State. He says he has secured promises of a sufficient number of votes to elect him.

Cornelius J. Donovan of Hudson is a candidate for a third term as Sergeant-at-Arms. He will be elected unless the anti-third term resolution should be adopted.

Thomas F. Noonan, also of Hudson, will probably be Reading Clerk. So far there is no opposition to him.

A Stay Granted in Sherwin's Case.

ALBANY, Jan. 1.-Major Quincey, of the counol for Frank H. Sherwin, who was sentenced last week to two years' imprisonment in the Albany penite and to the payment of \$500 fine, appeared at Catakill before Justice toloom yesterday, and obtained a stay upon the judgment of conviction and sentence until Jan. s. when a motion for a further stay to permit of an appeal to the General Term will be argued at Catakill.

Refusing to Consult with Their Man.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.-Thirteen firms of boo and shoe manufacturers have declared the Board of Ar-biration, which has been fixing prices and settling dis-putes, faiture, and agreed hereafter not in discuss mat-ters with their employees, but no fix their own wages and settle all questions of discipline. This action is op-posed by a number of leading firms.

In Conflict with Obto Laws.

Columbus, Jan. 1.—Complaint has been made that the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York is doing business in this State through branch offices con-trary to the laws of Ohio. The insurance commissioner refuses to revoke the company's license, and the matter will be settled in the courts.

The Best Time on Record We know is the thirty minutes real enjoyment you get when you smoke a Canvas Back.—4ds.

A COASTING PARTY'S PERIL.

FOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HURLED DOWN SIXTY FEET INTO A CREEK.

Miss Jennie Mitchell Probably Killed-Others Injured-Sho Jumps, While the Rest Go With the Sleigh-A Broken Shaft. MORROWVILLE, Pa., Jan. 1 .- On Sunday night last a party of young people from Stokes's Mills, a lumbering village ten miles from here, went coasting on Long Hill, which begins a mile and a half from the village and runs into

it. The party used an old cutter, which was on a "jumper" between the shafts, and holdand after running straight for a mile turns gradually to the left. For pearly all the rest of the distance to the Mills it follows along Trout Run, close to the creek's bank, which rises sixty feet above the water, and is nearly perpendicular. Within a few rods of the bottom of the hill the road crosses the creek on a wooden bridge. The speed attained by sleighs run in this way is frequently so great that the mile and a half is made in three minutes, and

The coasting party on Sunday night was made up of nine—Eugene Croft and his sister Mary, John Slader, Jennie Mitchell, Mary Hyde, Sallie Wright, William Bond, Ella Winters, and

Mary John Shader Jennis Mitchell, Mary Hyde,
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THE STATE JUDICIARY.

Proposing to Abolish the General Term and

ALBANY, Jan. 1 .- Mr. Justice Ingalls of Troy is the author of a plan which, if adopted, may revolutionize the judiciary system of this State. A bill will be presented early in the session embodying his views, which he explains substantially as follows:

The Court of Appeals is undoubtedly greatly behind with its business, and under the present system there is no probability of its catching up. But there is a simple remedy. catching up. But there is a simple remedy. There should be only one appellate court, the numerical strength of which should not be less than twelve Judges. The whole court should meet every morning at the State Capitol and should be divided into four equal sections. One of these should hear all questions relating to real estate; another should determine questions of contract; a third should hear criminal matters and some other branch, while the fourth should consider miscellaneous matters not heard in the other sections. Where constitutional questions arise, the full bench should hear the arguments, and when the Judges of any section were not unanimous on any knotty point they could refer it to the entire court for a decision. All the General Terms and the appellate powers of intermediary courts should be abolished, and aspeals of every nature should be taken directly to the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court districts should be made much smaller, and one Circuit Judge located in each, whose duty it should be to dispose of all civil business arising in his district, holding court every month if necessary. The power to try civil causes should be given jurisdiction of all criminal cases, from netit larceny to murder. Under such a system there would be no need for costly references, appeals to intermediate courts would be dispensed with, business would be greatly expedited, and there would be a great pecuniary saving to the State and to litigants. There should be only one appellate court, th

Back to Paterson with their Queues. TRENTON, Jan. 1.—Five queueless Chinamen walked from the State prison in single file to the Pennylvania Railroad station shortly before nor They were Sam Gee, May Dock, Noy Wing, Moy Tom Len, and Sam Wab, who were pardoned last night after having served nearly five months of a twelve months' term for assaulting a rival laundryman who cut rates at Paterson. Their industry and doculty made them popu-lar in the prison. Paterson. Ther industry and docility made them popular in the prison.

In their arms, to-day, each carried a parcel containing the nucue shorn from him on his arrival here. They will braid them in with their hair. Sam Gee, the spok-saman, said they would all return to Paterson. May Dock wept with delight when allowed to exchange his black and red prison garb for ordinary attirs.

The Rev. Mr. Powell to Resign. The Rev. H. A. Powell announced, on Sunday

evening, that he would resign the pastorate of the Lee Avenue Congregational Church, in Brooklyn, on Wednes-day evening. He says he will give his reasons for doing as at that time. The reason is understood to be that the church is in his opinion, hopel-say divided. One of the questions in dispute is as to whether the church oursit to have a precentor or a choir. The recent reengagement of the precentor was the cause of much had fering. It is aligned that disputes have been the rule in the church for years. Mr. Powell, who has been paster for eight months only, has faken no part in the recent troubles, and is well spoken of by both factions.

Car-beating Trinle on the Bridge.

Three apparatuses for warming cars were Three apparatuses for warming cars were tried on the Brooklyn Bridge on Monday. These were Gold's apparatus, which supplies heat from steam in the locomotive, Baker's stove with pipe running along the sides of the car, and the New York Heating Company's reservoirs containing acetale of acids and filled with steam from the locomotive. The Baker stove necessitates the removal of two seals in a car, which the bridge company figures out would entail a loss of \$2,000 in the winter season. In the case of the Gold and the New York Heating Company systems it is impossible for the cars to be set on fire in a collision. The Bridge Commissioners are undecided yet which system to use. Trains for the present will not run later than 1 A. M.

The South Street Guards.

The South Street Guards had their sixth annual parade yesterday. They marched, with a band of twenty-eight musicians, from South street up to Union Park, Mortania, where a big New Year's dinner had been prepared for them. The first prize was a \$50 hill presented by the Hon. James Oliver. They came back by torchlight and had a ball at Pythagorae Hell.

STOLE THEIR HORSE TOO.

Mr. Bolme's Thinks the Sutcher Cart High Benjamin Ackerman, a carpenter employed by the elevated railroad, was at work on the tracks above the 111th street station on Second

avenue a few minutes before the butcher cart thieves assaulted and robbed Mr. Luther Church there on Monday. He went up town in the train from which Mr. Church got out. He said yesterday that as he walked along the platform to the waiting room he saw a man in a check jumper with a broom in his hand standing near the head of the stairs. Mr. Ackerman looked closely to see if he knew the man, but the man turned his head away and looked down on the grocer's awning which

looked down on the grocer's awning which touches the staircase. This was the man who afterward struck Mr. Church with a piece of lead pipe. Ackerman is positive that he can recognize the man if he sees him again.

Last night Dederich H. Heims, a grocer at Hudson and Barrow streets, reported at Police Headquarters that the horse driven by the thleves when they excaped down 111th street and First avenue was, in his opinion, a horse stolen from him five weeks ago Monday. On the evening of that day one of Heims's men left the horse and grocer's wagon standing in West Tenth street while he went into a basement to deliver groceries. When the man came out the horse and wagon were gone. Next day the wagon was found in Thirty-fourth street, near Tenth avenue. Clerks employed in Mr. Heims's brother's grocery, at 2,062 Second avenue, between 106th and 107th, streets, told Mr. Heims yesterday that they had seen his horse, attached to a red butcher's curt, driven rapidly past the store on Monday, Mr. Heims's horse was a bay, about 16 hands high, and fast.

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The scheme for the revision of the French Constitution, as projosed by M. Ferry, the Frime Minister,
chiefly alms at the abolition of the office of Life Senator,
and the restoration of the scrutin de liste system of
voting. It is believed that the party of the Right will
support the latter proposition.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—President Grévy held a New Year's reception at the Elyses. The Papai Nuncio, who was present at the reception, together with all the other nembers of the diplomatic body, expressed, on behalf o members of the diplomatic hody, expressed, on behalf of the foreign representatives, the good wishes entertained for France and for M. Grevy personally. The President, in reply, expressed the high extern and sympathy which he felt toward the diplomatic bedy. Hannis, Jan. 1.—At the New Year's reception to-day at the imperial palace the Emperor received the principal Generals of the German army, who were headed by Crown Prince Frederick William, Prince Frederick Charles, and Count Von Moltke.

Murdered by Nibilists. St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.-Lieut.-Col. Sudeikin of the Gendarmeric was enticed into the Entkoff building, near the Moscow railway station, where he was killed by several. Nithilists on Friday ngit last. He had been falsely informed that a Socialist meeting was to be held there. The nurderers left a letter behind then stating that their next victims would be Count Tolstol, Minister of the Interior, and Grs. Gresser, chief of the St. Peterslurg police. The body of the nurdered man was conveyed to the deput to day, excerted by a large cortege of police and bands playing funeral marches.

Mysterious Death of a Hangman. BRUNN, Austria, Jan. 1.-Herr Bett, the pub-

lic executioner, has been found dead in his bed, it is supposed that he has fallen a victim to the revenge of some enemy. An inquiry into the circumstances of his death is proceeding. Trouble in the English Iron Trade.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Ten minor failures in the tron trade are reported in Birmingham. Other small failures in the trade are announced in the provinces. He Killed bla Brother while Buntler. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 1.-Pinckney and Wm.

Caring for the Indigent Blind. ALBANY, Jan. 1 .- The State Board of Charities reports adversely to the establishment of a State in-stitution for the indigent blind, on the ground that the number and condition of that class are not such as to render a State asymm necessar.

Bishop Turner's Emphatic Remark. ATLANTA, Jan. 1.—The colored people cele-brated Emancipation Day here this afternoon. Bishop Turner (colored) said in a speech that the "devil in hell would not make the distinctions against negroes that are made in this country."

Sulcide of Emma Bond's Uncle. HILLSBORO. III. Jan. 1.—Judge Thornton spoke five hours to day in the Emma hond case. The trial wrecked the reason of the girl's uncle. Abner Bond, who hanged himself to-day at Taylorville.

Pern Wine a Battle. Lima, Jan. 1.—A letter from Pasasmayo says that Puga was completely overthrown in a lastite on the Heights of Stollon, which hasted ten hours. The tovernment troops fied, pursued by the national forces.

Cutting his Daughter Off with 845. UNITY, N. H., Jan. 1.—Edward Keyes, who died here a few days ago, left to the school districts \$12.080, all his property except \$45, which he gave to an only daughter.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH. Snow fell all day yesterday in Chicago. All trains The Merchants' Exchange in Buffalo, including most of the bu-iness men and capitalists of the city, was opened yesterday.

M. Burke was arrested yesterday in Philadelphia, upon the charge of counginacy to draw a pension through false representations. Joseph D. Murphy, late manager of the Lyceum Theatre, died yesterday in Philade in a ged di years. He was a brother of the late ma ser John T. Bonnelly.

The New England toleacce growers met at Hartford yesterday, to protest against Secretary Foiger's decision admitting wrapper leaf touscoo at 35 cents per pound.

IN THE CAPITOL AT ALBANY.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

NEW AND OLD LAWMAKERS IN SEN-ATE AND ASSEMBLY.

Hill Makes an Odd Speech, and Sheard Says he will Do his Duty-Daly and his Underground Wire Bill-The Committees ALBANY, Jan. 1 .- Both Houses of the Legislature were organized at noon, and adjourned as soon as the Governor's message was read. In fact, half of the members went away with printed copies of the document in their pockets without waiting to hear the official reading. The Democratic Senators carried that somewhat vague and indefinable thing called the courtesy of the Senate to ridiculous excess in voting with the Republicans for Dennis McCarthy for President pro tempore. They had nominated a ticket of their own in caucus, but did not go through the form of voting for it in the Senate. By voting for Mc-Carthy they become, in a measure, sponsors for his character, and he is not the kind of a man a careful Legislature would like to vouch for, McCarthy is owned and controlled by James J. Belden, and is expected to shape

legislation to suit the old Canal Ring crowd. Lieut.-Gov. Hill made a remarkable speech

upon opening the Senate. Instead of the usual congratulatory address he undertook to outline the legislation of the session. He in-formed the Senators that no charter legislation

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course of which he said: I shall deem it my duty to exert whatever power the Chair legitimately possesses to check any legislation which may be fairly construed as contrary to the best interests of the whole people. At the same time I do not misconstrue nor imagnify the functions of the Speaker of this House.

IMPROVING THE MAIL SERVICE.

The Problems of Mail Transportation Con-WASHINGTON, Jun. 1.—Second Assistant Post-naster-General Einer, W. B. Thompson, and Isaac C. Stater, who were appointed last winter as a committee to prepare an improved plan of carrying the mails on railroad routes, have submitted their report. The com-mittee recommend that the compensation to the railroads carrying the mails shall be determined upon the reask carrying the mails shall be determined upon the basis of the space need and the frequency and speed with which the mails are conveyed; that the pay for mail transportation be at a fixed rate to himser foot of car per mile run, this rate to cover the entire cost of the service that the Postmaster-tieneral may at any time order an increase or a reduction in the amount of space to be paid for; that the closed or pouch mair, without postal clerks accompanying them, shall be paid for on the following lossis; The aggregate weight of the closed or pouch mails carried on my cone on all trains for twenty-

pouch mails carried on my roar on all trains for twenty four hours shall be made the basis of pay; that the sast service be discontinued; that the pay for the railway port offices, at a speed of twenty or less miles per hour between termin, be fix mills per linear foot, inside measurement of car space per mile run, and for each increase of speed amounting to two miles per hour one tenth of a mil.

Superintendent Walling's Petitioners. A committee of ladies who are teaching Chinamen in the Sunday schools was appointed on Mon-day evening last to wait upon Superintendent Walling, day evening last to wait upon Superintendent Walling, and set before him the pupils' grievances. They will thank him for detailing detectives to just of infront of the churches during Sunday school hours, but he will learn from the committee that it is not near the churches but while they are or route to and from Sunday school that the inoffensive whitee are embreted to usual and sometimes to assault. The balles will eiter the case of an unoffensing pupi who arrived live on Sunday last with a biesding hand, and they will use the process of a sunday the puriod of sunday that every Chimaman on his way to extrem Sunday school may be under the eye of a pulse officer. The committee will visit the Superintendent later in the week.

Stubbed by a 16-Year-Old. George Stolmeyer, a Inior, living at 54 Ludelow street, stopped at Delancey and Essex streets yearlerday to watch the pranks of some boys who were playing with a drunken man. Suddenly one of the boys, of syars of age, ran up to Stolmeyer, and asking him. What are you doing here: stabled him in the left breast with a knife. The blade struck a load pencif, which termed it aside, and only a stight wound was inflicted. Stolmeyer was sent to Chambers Street Hospital. His assailant vscaped.

Shot at the Glen Pleasure Club's Ball. Thomas Williams of 27 Hudson street was and and severely wounded in the right shoulder at 5 o'clock yesterfay morning by Bennis Collins of 76 Henry street, while the two were at a ball of the sixth ward film Pleasure that at Petragoras him. Williams was taken to the Chanter of Street Linguistin, and Collins was taken to the Chanter of the Street, and taken to the Eldidage attract statements and taken to the Eldidage attract statements when the ball said seaters that Collins was drain when to draw the pastod, and it went off by accident and was received at nebody in particular.

\$12,000 for the Bartholdi Statue. The Bartholdi pedesial fund loan exhibition cashrought to a close last evening at 10 o'close. Over thousand visitors were present in the afternoon, and during the day and evening Blont 2000 bekets nero and At 5 M. the hand places the last place of the exhibition. "Pres foolfrom Whom at Brasing From "The amount netted by the exhibition is \$12,000, Seven thousand exhalogues at \$1 cach were said.

Mr. Kinzey at Home Again.

William O. Kinzey, the Sixth avenue dry goods merchant, who was reported missing on Monday night, went into the restaurant of the West Side Hotel at P object yesterday merning and told the ciers, who knew him, this he had been followed all sightly three tien, who wanted to kill him. The cierts to a him to the New York Hospital and thence he was sent home. He is slightly deranged.

The Signal Office Prediction. Local rains, with snow in the northern por-ions, eastery winds suffling to southerly followed uring Wednesday night by northwest winds; falling arometer.

BROOKLYN.

William A. Engeman to dangerously ill of pneumonia, this residence, 44 Seventh a septie. Two shots were fired on Monday night in front of William lieffman's house its Ninth street. It was found yesterian than one builet had passed through the shub-ters and glass of the window and loited in a door.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Gen, Grant suffered great pain in his injured leg on Monday night, but was hetter again yeaterday. He is not yet also to use his crutches.

The ship Jabez Howes, from San Francisco, went aground in a for yeaterday afternoon on the False Hock, untited sandy Hook. Tugs went to pull her of.

Richael Smith of 2-7 West Sixtieth atreet wasstabled in the right broast last night, by her hisband, William Smith editions as sent to the Roosevelt Hospital, and her husband arrested. husband arrested.

On his way to the Custom House yesterday Capt. Edward: Whilams passed two Lootblacks who were nighting. One of them, Walter Smith, threw a brick at the other, which struck Capt. Williams in the right hand, breaking a finger. Smith was arrested.